

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-16 (cancelled).

17 (currently amended): A method of providing a telecommunication service, the method comprising:

with a server in a telephone network, providing a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence;

receiving a first selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call;

initiating a second telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to the first selection; and

connecting the first telephone call and the second telephone call.

18 (original): The method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of destination options further includes a fourth destination option for the first member of the family at a third location other than the residence, the first location, and the second location.

19 (original): The method of claim 17 wherein the second destination option is for a mobile telephone.

20 (original): The method of claim 17 further comprising:

after connecting the first telephone call and the second telephone call, receiving an input from the calling party in the first telephone call; and after receiving the input:

disconnecting the first telephone call from the second telephone call;

receiving a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call; and

initiating a third telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to the second selection.

21 (original): The method of claim 20 further comprising:

connecting the third telephone call and the first telephone call.

22 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

b1 a server in a telephone network to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence;

the server to receive a first selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, to initiate a second telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to the first selection, and to connect the first telephone call and the second telephone call.

23 (original): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the plurality of destination options further includes a fourth destination option for the first member of the family at a third location other than the residence, the first location, and the second location.

24 (original): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the second destination option is for a mobile telephone.

25 (original): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the server, after connecting the first telephone call and the second telephone call, is to receive an input from the calling party in the first telephone call, and after receiving the input, the server is to disconnect the first telephone call from the second telephone call, to receive a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, and to initiate a third telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to the second selection.

26 (original): The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the server is to connect the third telephone call and the first telephone call.

h 27 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a server in a telephone network to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence, the contents causing the server to initiate a second telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to a received selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, and to connect the first telephone call and the second telephone call.


28 (original): The computer readable medium of claim 27 wherein the plurality of destination options further includes a fourth destination option for the first member of the family at a third location other than the residence, the first location, and the second location.

29 (original): The computer readable medium of claim 27 wherein the second destination option is for a mobile telephone.

30 (original): The computer readable medium of claim 27 wherein the contents further cause the server, after connecting the first telephone call and the second telephone call, to receive an input from the calling party in the first telephone call, and after receiving the input, to disconnect the first telephone call from the second telephone call, to receive a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, and to initiate a third telephone call to a telephone number corresponding to the second selection.

31 (original): The computer readable medium of claim 30 wherein the contents further cause the server to connect the third telephone call and the first telephone call.

32 (currently amended): A method of providing a telecommunication service, the method comprising:

 with a server in a telephone network, providing a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence;

receiving a first selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call; initiating a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first selection; determining that the second telephone call is unanswered; receiving a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call; initiating a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second selection; and connecting the first telephone call and the third telephone call.

33 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a server in a telephone network to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a

first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence;

the server to receive a first selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, to initiate a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first selection, to determine that the second telephone call is unanswered, to receive a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, to initiate a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second selection, and to connect the first telephone call and the third telephone call.

34 (currently amended): A computer readable medium whose contents cause a server in a telephone network to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a third destination option for a second member of the family at a second location other than the residence;

the contents causing the server to receive a first selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, to initiate a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first selection, to determine that the second telephone call is unanswered, to receive a second selection of one of the destination options in the first telephone call, to initiate a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second selection, and to connect the first telephone call and the third telephone call.

35 (currently amended): A method of providing a telecommunication service, the method comprising:

providing a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a broadcast option;

receiving a selection of the broadcast option in the first telephone call;

substantially simultaneously initiating a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first destination option and a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second destination option;

determining that one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call is answered; and

connecting the first telephone call and the one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call,

wherein the first telephone call is placed to a third telephone number not corresponding to any of the plurality of destination options.

36 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a server to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a broadcast option;

the server responsive to a selection of the broadcast option in the first telephone call to substantially simultaneously initiate a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first destination option and a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second destination option, to determine that one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call is answered, and to connect the first telephone call and the one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call, wherein the first

telephone call is placed to a third telephone number not corresponding to any of the plurality of destination options.

37 (currently amended): A computer readable medium whose contents cause a server to provide a menu in a first telephone call, the menu providing a plurality of destination options including a first destination option for a residence of a family, a second destination option for a first member of the family at a first location other than the residence, and a broadcast option;

the contents causing the server, in response to receiving a selection of the broadcast option in the first telephone call, to substantially simultaneously initiate a second telephone call to a first telephone number corresponding to the first destination option and a third telephone call to a second telephone number corresponding to the second destination option, to determine that one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call is answered, and to connect the first telephone call and the one of the second telephone call and the third telephone call, wherein the first telephone call is placed to a third telephone number not corresponding to any of the plurality of destination options.

38 (new): The method of claim 17, wherein the first telephone call is placed to a telephone number associated solely with the menu.
